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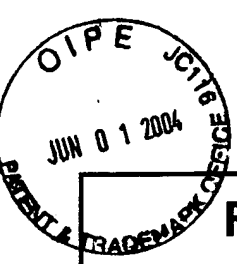
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1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	
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		Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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Independent Claims		-3**	X 86.00	=
Multiple Dependent		-20**	X	=

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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
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1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,250	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner Action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	420.00
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
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1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for Oral Hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
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1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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☐ DESIGN ☒ UTILITY PATENT

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Norman E. Stevens, Jr., and Michael F. Gard

Serial No.: 09/481,351

Filed: January 12, 2000

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AUTOMATICALLY DRILLING
AND BACKREAMING A
HORIZONTAL BORE
UNDERGROUND

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
MAILED DECEMBER 3, 2003

Applicant respectfully requests that the above application be amended as follows:

In the claims:

1-11. Cancelled.

12-20. Withdrawn.

21. Cancelled.

22. Withdrawn.

23. Cancelled.

24. Cancelled.

25. (Twice Amended) A horizontal drilling system comprising:

a horizontal drilling machine having a plurality of automated functions, and

further comprising:

a drill string, having a first end and a second end;

a drive system operatively connectable to the first end of the drill string

and adapted to advance the drill string through the earth;